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OUR FRONT COVER PICTURE shows Pastor Heins with two of his boy friends. He works with the Juvenile Court judges to relate every youngster in trouble to a Sunday School and to a club. He does not believe that virtually all delinquency is due to parental failure. He says, "No matter how sincerely and intelligently parents fulfill their functions, all they do may be negated by the companions found in the neighborhood. . . . Clean fun is the one best method of fighting wrong-doing among boys . . . But recreation alone is not the answer . . . Character building, through well-supervised recreation, WITH CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP, and built on Christian faith is 'the fence on the top of the cliff' that will make 'the ambulance down in the valley' unnecessary." Lutheran men will find this good argument for their scouting program.

Escape

I must get away,
The cares of life, the worries crush;
And I must leave them all behind,
This senseless rush
Is but the Devil's way of voicing merit;
It dulls my spirit.

I must be alone,
Yet not alone upon the sod
Of mountain top, for there is God,
His counsel, His sweet voice assuages
Pent up grief, from earth's stern wages.

I must live above,
The tides of world ambition,
Of seeking self in my condition,
Yearning, striving,
Why do such thoughts beguile
When Jesus said,
"Come ye apart and rest awhile."

I must return,
For still, I live among my friends
To labor in their midst until life ends;
One thing I covet, that they too may go
Unto the secret place, above earth's woe,
And gather strength for those who plod
Life's toilsome road, alone with God.

—The Rev. P. M. Luther,
Pastor of St. Peter's
Lutheran Church.
Albany, N. Y.

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Democracy needs Christianity.

If we rediscover this basic truth this Fourth of July we will not celebrate in vain. Dr. Henry Sloane, retiring president of Union Theological Seminary, has this to say:

"There is now, as never before, a recognition of the necessity for a spiritual foundation for true democracy. The democratic way of life and government springs chiefly from the Hebrew-Christian tradition. It rests upon a threefold faith—faith in the capacities of the common man, faith in the power of truth and righteousness, faith in a just Lord of the universe who has so fashioned and ordered it that men and nations can live together satisfactorily only in brotherhood."

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Men are just opposite from guns; the smaller the caliber the bigger the bore.—The Public Speaker's Treasure Chest, Herbert V. Prochnow, Harper and Brothers, N. Y.

The Editor's Personal Paragraphs

The call for recruits

for the chaplaincy is still urgent. The expanding army and navy, the large percentage of casualties in the chaplain service, and the war-weary veterans who should now return to civilian life—all these are good reasons for every young pastor to consider enlistment. It is also encouraging to learn that the names of over 1000 service men have been listed, all of whom are considering favorably entering the Protestant ministry after discharge. Probably each one of these prospects is due to the influence of some man-of-God in uniform.

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Hide and Seek

by William W. Pratt

I wonder will the future bring
A day when I may hide a thing
In secret and with utmost care,
And later on remember where.
—Saturday Evening Post.

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Last month

we quoted the interview of Dorothy Thompson with Niemoller. More recently Bishop Oxman, president of the Federal Council, met the heroic German pastor at Naples. NCLB reports as follows:

In an interview in Naples with Bishop G. Bromley Oxman, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, Pastor Martin Niemoller, for eight years a prisoner of Hitler because of preaching his beliefs, declared that Germany required "a long period of controlled re-education" before it would be ready to take its place as a self-respecting nation. Such re-education, the Lutheran pastor added, should be a thorough policy of truth-telling about Nazi policies and practices. He believed that the United States should direct its re-education efforts at Germans under the age of 22.

"O God, help me to live so that even the youngest child will understand what I teach."—A Teacher's Prayer.

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Rev. Stewart W. Herman, Jr., Litt.D.,

is soon to go to Geneva as a member of the staff of The World Council of Churches. Some months ago the editor wrote to Dr. Herman inquiring as to his plans. At that time it was too early to release information. Now a letter, quoted below, gives an interesting account of his plans. Dr. Herman has had unusual preparation for this new work. While a student in Germany he was called to the pastorate of the American Church in Berlin Then with the outbreak of the war he became a member of our embassy staff and returned to America with the staff after we entered the war. He served for a few months on the faculty of Hamma Divinity School, but was called into government service in November, 1943. Now he returns to Europe to do an important work for the strengthening of the Confessional Church of Germany.

"For the last week a series of conferences was held in New York City. Now that I have a clear picture of the entire work I feel free to write you. Whatever comments I now make may be considered legitimate grist for the editorial mill of LUTHERAN MEN.

"My new position, as a member of the permanent staff of the World Council of Churches, is in the Department of Reconstruction and Rehabilitation for European churches. Dr. Hutchinson Cockburn, former Moderator of the Church of Scotland, is the Senior Secretary and also the British representative in this Department. A large part of my time will be occupied with a close study of the German Church in an effort to determine exactly what has happened to it during these latter years.

"As I understand, we shall report fully to the American churches thru the American Committee of the World Council (of which Dr. Barstow is the new, full-time secretary), coordinate as far as possible the efforts of various U. S. denominations to alleviate the plight of Christian churches abroad. The American Commission has selected a professional newspaper man of strong Christian sympathy to see that "news" gets back from Geneva. I should think that you would like to obtain his releases either directly or from the American headquarters. His name is Robert Root but he is still on this side of the ocean and it may take many weeks before his office begins to function effectively.

"I hope to be in very close touch with Dr. Michelfelder who is to be the specific Lutheran ambassador to the Lutheran churches of Europe

and to the World Council office at Geneva.

"I hope to leave for Geneva next month, provided that there is no difficulty with the passport and other documents which are indispensable to travel. If all goes well, I should be in touch with the leaders of Lutheran resistance in Germany within a few weeks. Fortunately many of the leaders seem to be in the accessible portions of Southern Germany at the present time. Later on I hope also to do what I can for the reestablishment of the American Church in Berlin in which I feel a proprietary interest because of the years which I invested in it."

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Jack—"I understand your wife is having trouble with her jaw."

Jim—"Yes, she's been bothered a good bit lately."

Jack—"Why don't you take her and have it X-rayed?"

Jim—"I tried that last week, and when the doctor came out of the X-ray room, he said he had to make a movie of her jaw."— Western Recorder.

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Horse-racing

or religious conferences? There will always be some little limited minds in high places in a democracy. It is hard to imagine anyone in a responsible position who would open the race tracks, lift the ban on big-league base ball and at the same time refuse permission for conferences and conventions. Reports from the Jersey shore resorts tell of anticipated crowds this summer. More gas is coming to every car owner. The fact is that many of the church summer training schools are allowed because they offer recreation. Perhaps if we would advertise bingo between sessions for religious and educational conferences they might qualify as recreation. Or, how about using the numbers on the registration cards for a draw prize! We hope by the time this is in print, the ban will be lifted.

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The minister's wife, while calling on a member of the congregation, mentioned, with excusable pride, that her daughter had won the prize in a music recital.

Her listener at once showed her fellow-feeling.

"I can understand your pride," she said. "I well remember how pleased I was when our pig took the first prize at the agricultural show."— Boys' Industrial School Journal.

In Leipzig

a special service of thanksgiving for the release of Niemoller was held the last of May. The account given in the New York Times May 28th, 1945, deserves thoughtful reading:

Thousands of Leipzig Lutherans joined today in a prayer for forgiveness of Germany's "colossal blood guilt."

There were tears in the eyes of many men and women as the words of the Rev. Guenther Walther rang across the vast spaces of historic Thomas church at a special thanksgiving service for the release from Nazi imprisonment of Pastor Martin Niemoeller.

The church was packed to capacity. Other thousands listened outside its opened doors and windows and joined in the song service.

"Forgive us our colossal blood guilt which became manifest in the last period of the war," Walther prayed, making an apparent reference to the concentration camp revelations.

Prays for Future

"Permit us to worship Thee and cast us not from Thy countenance. Do Thou take in hand the future of our people and do Thou make right what humans did so wrong."

Walther chose as his text the fifth verse of the 50th Psalm: "Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a covenant with Me with sacrifice."

"In God's presence," the minister commented, "no sensations are in place."

He then quietly recounted Niemoeller's struggle against Naziism which, he said, "attempted to run the Church according to the principle of the factory and not according to scriptures. Politics instead of scriptures was to be preached."

Faith Bears Fruit

Niemoeller's faith in God bore fruit, he said, and the pastor was restored to liberty after all human calculations pointed to his violent end at Gesttpo hands.

"Seldom have so many prayers from so many Christians risen to heaven as for Martin Niemoeller," the minister said.

Walther expressed belief that Niemoeller would return to Germany after a rest cure in Switzerland.

The services, in the church where Johann Sebastian Bach once was organist and choirmaster, were set against a background of the 18th century composer's orchestral and organ selections, played by the Tewanhaus symphony orchestra and Bach's present day successor at the church organ.

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Mr. Gabalot—"And so you are the lady who is giving my wife painting lessons. What sort of a pupil is she?"

Miss Dauber — "Well, I find her very apt, to say the least."

Mr. Gabalot—"That's funny, I always find her apt to say the most." —Watchman Examiner.

A Good Reason

The popularity of our San Francisco Service Center has good reasons. Here is one. Miss Sigrid Anderson, office secretary. Lutheran World Action is your way for sharing in this great work.

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Rehabilitation

of service men has gone through interesting stages. First a most elaborate and detailed treatment of the subject came from all directions to our pastors. It seemed as though special courses in psychology and pastoral counselling would be required. Then the word got back to service men in foreign lands and a very natural resentment followed. They were not "mental cases" and did not propose to be treated as such. Then popular response came from the home church and much of the rehabilitation literature was filed in study waste-baskets. Let us get our balance in this whole business of rehabilitation. Common sense coupled with grounding in good psychology will make it possible to distinguish the minimum of returning service men who need special treatment. The great majority will adjust to home town life quite normally, but we must be ready to help those who do not.

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AMERICA is struggling with a word—that word "all." "All men are created free and equal. All our crises have come out of that word. We haven't been able to give it up, nor have we been able to give up to it.— E. Stanley Jones.

News

from here and there and about this and that is difficult to handle in an interesting way. Here are some items culled from correspondence and programs: **A Lutheran Layman's Society** is in process of organization centering in Houston, Texas.—Pastor Louis Rupp, long active in ULCA publicity circles, is editing a service men's letter for all the Protestant pastors in Prospect, Pa. He also does the mimeographing and provides for additional messages by the pastors.—**Advent Church Brotherhood,** St. Louis, Mo., Rev. Leland C. Ogan, pastor, holds an annual Family Night program.—The Spring Rally of the Inter-Synodical Brotherhood of Omaha, Nebraska was held May 24th. Mr. William F. Kedde presided and Rev. Henry J. Goede of Grace Church made the address.—**Rev. Roy B. Setzer,** pastor of St. John's, Anderson, Ind., answers in a finely conceived letter the question of one of his servmen, "Can you fight in this war and believe the Bible?" The letter has been printed in a number of newspapers and magazines. It points out that hate is the sin of war and warns against the spirit of revenge. It likens the soldier to the policeman. Wish we had room to print it.—**Brotherhood night** is a regular item on the program of many synods. Usually it has to be crowded in. The Central Penn Synod found time to hear Dr. Ross Stover stress youth work by the men. Steps were laid for a greatly expanded scouting program. President Frank P. Reiter reported renewed interest in the Brotherhood, particularly in Allegheny Conference where an itinerary was arranged from May 3rd to 11th for Secretary Bader to address seven rallies.—**Northwest Synod** held its first annual banquet celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Seminary. The program was keyed to this interest.

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The Sunday School teacher gave her class a little task, to write an essay on "My Religion," and told them not to attempt "high flights of imagination" but to "write what was in them."

Tommy wrote—"I am an Anglican. In me is my heart, liver, stummick, three pieces cake, two pieces pie, two apples, ½ stick of gum swallowed by mistake."—Canadian Churchman.

Another editorial

calls attention to the problem of chaplain procurement. Here is a statement quoted from the Army Chief Chaplain's Circular Letter No. 297.

"A serious situation has arisen affecting both the nations' armed services and the Church. There is a shortage of younger chaplains—men with physical stamina, personable and spiritually vital. Many chaplains between the ages of thirty-five and forty-five who enlisted at the beginning of the war are suffering from 'battle fatigue.' The continuous drain upon physical and mental resources resulting from daily attention to the acute problems of their men and the enervating climatic conditions, especially in the Pacific areas, have taken heavy toll of the devoted Christian servants. They need a period of change and rest in the home camps.

"The average, battle-weary chaplains are asking their younger brethren in the ministry: 'Why should you be in the pleasant conditions of a home pastorate with an assured position for the future while we are being burned out over here and cannot look forward to pulpits waiting for us when we return?' The war is not over. Millions of American youth will be abroad for a long time yet. The need is urgent for more chaplains, especially for replacements. The churches at home can make the sacrifice of getting along without the younger ministers for the period of the war. It will be difficult to offer thanksgiving for victory and to dedicate for peace if, in the trial of battle, the Church fails to stand by its boys represented by stars on the service flag."

The same letter tells of the organization of the 'Embryo Ministers' Association' at Lowery Field by 17 ministerial prospects.

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Girl—"I maintain that love-making is just the same as it always was."

Boy—"How do you know?"

Girl—"I just read about a Greek maiden who sat and listened to a lyre all the evening." — Watchman-Examiner.

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N. L. C. N. B.

tells of the record number of decorations held by our own Chaplain Edward K. Rogers. He was with the First Infantry Division in Germany and saw plenty of action. He holds the Silver Star, Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star.

Things Worth While

Not what we have—but what we use!
Not what we see — but what we choose—
These are the things that mar or bless
The sum of human happiness.

The things near by, not things afar,
Not what we seem. but what we are,
These are the things that make or break
That give the heart its joy or ache.

Not what seems fair, but what is true,
Not what we dream, but the good we do!
These are things that shine like gems,
Like stars in heaven's diadem.

Not as we take, but as we give,
Not as we pray, but as we live—
These are the things that make for peace
Both now and after time shall cease.
—Selected.

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The Central Conference,

Pittsburgh Synod, has a live Brotherhood and an extensive and searching report was issued by the chairman of its executive committee, Mr. W. C. Koehler. It was submitted to President Shepfer of the Synod. Its conclusions were "1. The need of greater cooperation between pastors and laymen. 2. The elimination of the spirit of complacency which is found in too many churches, involving both pastors and laymen." Suggestions include the calling of a full-time secretary to foster men's work; programs of evangelism to increase church membership and increase the ratio of communing members; emphasis on better quality members and greater financial support to the church; more good publicity; attack on the problems of labor and capital relationships and racism; recruiting for the ministry; and for better lay service; preparation for the post-war period. There is a platform calling for a real advance.

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Johnny: "Teacher asked me today if I had any brothers and sisters."

Mama: "What did you say?"

Johnny: "I said I was an only only child."

Mama: "What did she say?"

Johnny: "Thank heaven!"

Guest Contributions

Presidential Message . . .

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA, and the Republic for which it stands, One nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

L. F. Speckman

News and Views From Iron Mountain

By Rev. A. Kenneth Hewitt

It is some months since LUTHERAN MEN *has carried any news from our Iron Mountain School. Pastor Hewitt is the progressive house father of this fine work. The Brotherhood has had much to do with the founding and support of this school. Help is always in order.*

Iron Mountain Lutheran School for boys has had another good year in spite of all the handicaps of war. The enrollment has grown and the opportunities have increased. Our mountain school now has an enrollment of 88, of which 29 are boys.

Mr. Earl Hetrick of York County, Pennsylvania, a graduate of Penn State in Vocational Agriculture, with six years of teaching experience, is the new consecrated and efficient headmaster in charge of the boys' department and the farm. Mr. Hetrick, who is also a successful farmer, has introduced new and more scientific methods of farming that not only challenge his students but draw the attention and interest of the people in the surrounding communities.

The past year has been a very successful one in the farm operation. In addition to its valuable contribution to the school table, a decent profit was realized. 5800 bushels of apples were picked, 2400 broilers were sold on the market, 300 laying hens, 50 sheep, 22 beef cattle, and 12 dairy cattle were fed and cared for, in addition to the truck and field crops.

Popular among the academic, religious and vocational courses offered to the boys is the woodworking class, under the direction of Thomas J. Blevins. The boys, in learning to use tools and their hands, have made many useful and attractive articles: such as tool boxes, chairs, stools, tables, what nots, shoe racks, tie racks, magazine racks, book ends, door stops, letter holders, etc.

Vocational subjects are taught in our mountain school, not as an end in itself but as a means toward a more abundant life. The major emphasis is a religious one, developing character and a proper and healthy attitude toward and relationship with God. A Christian interpretation is given to all subjects taught. Principles of fairness, honesty, and cooperation are instilled in the youth through recrea-

Digging Spuds

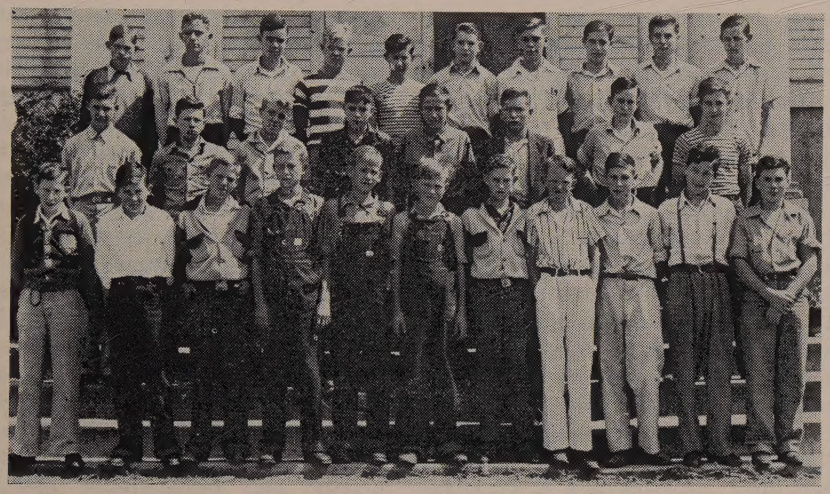
Society for the Prevention of Unhealthy Diet, (Spud) we are told, was the name of the organization to fight the introduction of the potato into England years ago. Now we know that spuds are good eating and these boys will have the appetite.

Headmaster Earl W. Hetrick

Professor Hetrick is at the head of the agricultural department in addition to his administrative duties.

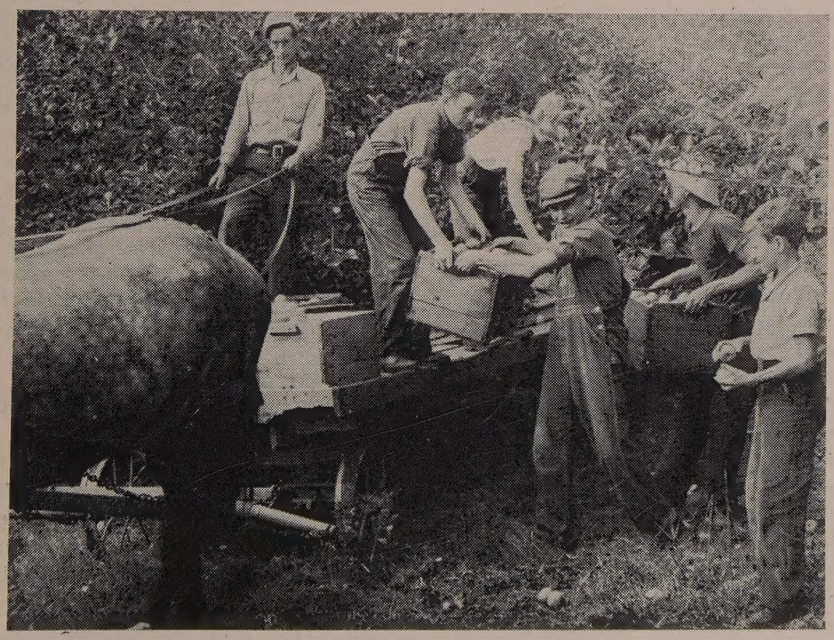
tion and work programs. The courses in Bible and Leadership Training by Miss Sadie Ponwith form the backbone of the instruction. Her pupils not only learn the Bible and how to lead but they actually become Christian leaders while in school. It is most inspiring to observe these fine youngsters leading in wholesome recreation in the Sunday schools and other organizations of the Church.

Iron Mountain School was founded and supported entirely by the Lutheran Brotherhood for several years. Under the action of the United Lutheran Church in which it was decreed that the administration of all the subjects in the Church be assigned to one of the Boards of the Church, this school, along with the other Mountain Work, was assigned to the Board of American Missions. Although the national Brotherhood does not provide for the budget of this school, many local Brotherhoods have been faithful in their contributions to this commendable project, originated by the men of the Church, of assisting worthy mountain lads in Christian education. The continued support of a larger number of Brotherhoods is greatly appreciated.



Iron Mountain Boys

Any school would be proud of these manly lads. Here they learn every art and skill that will be helpful both for living and making a living in their home communities.



Apple Time

Special care has been given to the school orchards. Wonderful apples can be grown in these Virginia mountains.

I Ask You?

Dear Editor: Are we to talk fearlessly and wisely to the real problems before us—problems that involve the real evils that we see in our society; or shall we fearlessly and harmlessly talk against the Philistines?

The other day we listened to that story about the young pastor who had just taken over his new pastorate, and in short time he found himself in conference with the vestrymen concerning his preaching. What dare he —what should he preach for and against? Liquor and the evils involved? No! There are too many vested interested in town in which the liquor traffic is involved. Poltical graft and corruption? No! Remember, we have some members who are on the inside at city hall. Racial prejudices, and the serious negro problem in the section just adjacent to our fine white-population section? Better keep off that subject; we'll just get involved; better to forget it.

"Well," queried the initiate cleric, "What, then, may I preach about?" ....**"Preach against the Philistines,"** the leading elder replied, **"they don't have any friends in our town!"**

Many laymen (not nearly enough, sad to say) are showing real interest in the pulpit these days, in the preaching of their pastors. There is, I am certain, an increasing emphasis in our Seminaries on the development of **effective preachers.** My wisest counsellor oftimes warned me that 'your people won't follow you if you can't preach' and there is ample evidence of the wisdom in that counsel. You are yourself involved in the making of good pastor-preachers. Students in our Seminaries are searching assiduously into the content of sermons and into preaching styles that characterize the preaching of great pulpiteers, past and present. Thousands of sermons are preached each Sunday in as many pulpits. The pulpit and the pew are both concerned about preaching!

It is a question worth considering, Doctor; are we getting anywhere if we **just preach against the Philistines?** An answer can be summarized in this fashion, I believe. Preaching is hardly effective if it does not bring the Gospel **into conflict with** and **in protest against** the actual real-life

manifestations of the forces of evil at work in our society, our communities, our personal living. If we avoid the **real issues**, we fail utterly to preach effectively. If we avoid such subjects as the political grafts and corruptions which are discouragingly manifold and threatening, the tremendously live issue involving the negro and the Jew in our localities, the filthy lewdness and obscenities that the 'protected liquor interests' are not indirectly responsible for—stand with me for an hour, if you will, before the open door of the saloon that graces the corner just a block from our church: if we avoid these issues, and others, because they have some friends in our town and, perchance, even in our church, then we are without effect. Yes, we preach a positive Christian faith; but we preach against the Devil and all his works and all his ways. **The Philistines have no friends in town.**

A fine lady paid me a compliment just the other day! (How we ponder in delight over the compliments that come our way!) That previous Sunday morning, at sermon time, I had made bold to look at some of the **real issues** in our community, in considering the Church's task in the world and in the community, in considering the Church's task in the world and in the community. I said to her next day, "I guess now I'd better get out of town! She replied, "You stay right here; you're good for this city." Frankly, things will be more peaceful around here if we **stay with the Philistines;** but to what end, I ask!

Respectfully,

Quid Habeas.

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U. L. C. A. Stewardship

by "Churchman"

The following interesting article is by a prominent layman of our church. It was prepared for LUTHERAN MEN *at the request of the editor. Comments are invited.—Ed.*

Back in the days which Dickens wrote about in "A Christmas Carol," business was run in a manner far different from the way in which progressive business organizations of today are operated. Then, the bookkeeper kept his nose in his books from dawn to dusk, the correspondent toiled over his Spencerian characters, and the office-boy went doggedly about his humble chores. Each employee did his job—and nothing else. They were not encouraged to offer suggestions. Theirs not to reason why. They did what they were told to do. They were not expected to use their imagination they were not expected to hope for better working conditions, and for a share in the management of the enterprise. For over the office those days, or over the factory, brooded the spirit of the Boss. He was supreme. He did all the thinking. He was the master of their lives, for he held their livelihood in his hands, and on his management hung the difference between employment and unemployment. He ruled the roost, and he frequently ruled it with a harsh hand, on the theory that the only way to keep employees in hand was to extinguish every spark of imagination, and to nip in the bud every yearning for a share, however small, in the responsibility for success of the venture.

Times have changed. The boss, if he is worth his salt, is still top man, but he is no longer assumed perforce to be the fountainhead of all wisdom, the possessor of all business acumen, and the repository of all technical knowledge. One of his chief tasks now is to draw out the best that his employees can offer, and to develop them as individuals, so as to encourage their initiative and their imagination. Even though the boss nowadays may not be one man alone, but a far-flung commercial empire, with stockholders, bondholders, and a board of directors, modern business has found that the granting of this new freedom, this new liberty, to employees is not only the Christian, humane way, but that it pays in increased efficiency, in improved relationships among employees, with customers, and with other business houses, and finally that it pays in dollars and cents.

Quite common nowadays are the employee-suggestion departments of our large corporations, to which workers submit suggestions for improvement of service or efficiency, or ideas regarding new products and methods. The same plan, in principle, is in effect generally among smaller progressive concerns. The employee admittedly has a stake in the enterprise for which he is working, and very often is as keenly interested in its success as are the owners. Progressive executives have come to realize that employees are individuals, with personalities of their own, and that they are glad to shoulder responsibilities which they are qualified to assume. Many corporations go to great lengths to inform their employees of the worth of their particular jobs, and how they become an integral part of the organization's operations. The difference between the length of the working day of a quarter of a century ago and that of today is too well known to merit more than passing mention. Virtually all workers in these days receive an hour for lunch, and time for rest periods during the day. Their lives are not tied down to a deadening routine of work, eat, sleep, day after day, week after week, year after year. They now have time for play and self-improvement. In countless ways the worker has improved his lot. In the United States, at least, he has achieved a state of freedom which would have seemed impossible of attainment at the turn of the present century. This freedom has revolutionized our social and economic life.

We must guard, however, against confusing this liberty with license. Now, more than ever before, the worker is called upon to give his best, and to measure up. There is no place for sluggards on the economic ladder of today, unless it be the bottom step. Intelligence, imagination, loyalty, and perseverance are the qualities most in demand nowadays. The worker is treated as an individual, and is expected to be one. Recognition of the dignity and worth of the individual is certainly a Christian concept, even though it be evidenced in the bank, or in the factory. It is certainly a desirable and an inevitable step toward a more practically Christian society.

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Our Freedoms . . .

By President George M. Berg

This address was delivered at the Allentown Conference Convention on the occasion of the official visit of President Speckman.—Ed.

The executive committee of the Conference Brotherhood deemed it advisable that I should, at this time of the convention program, say a few words with regard to the men and boys in the armed forces of our nation. Indeed we must admit that they are fighting and training to fight fierce and wicked enemies of our land of the free and home of the brave, in the far-flung battle theatres of this global conflict. These sons and brothers of ours are dying and

ready to pay the highest price with life itself for the preservation of the liberties and freedoms that we here enjoy.

As Christian citizens, interested in the practice and promotion of Christian citizenship, we should be proper evaluators of the rich heritage that we, as legatees and devisees, enjoy in this land of freedom. We just heard a splendid address by our national president, Judge Speckman, speaking in pursuance of the privilege of *Freedom of Speech.* We meet here in convention assembled in pursuance of an article of the Bill of Rights, entitled *Freedom of Public Assembly.* The newspapers gave advance notice of this convention, and we had 1000 programs of this convention printed, all unhindered and unopposed, in pursuance of the right guaranteed by our glorious constitution, called *freedom of the press.* And, here we have come to this convention using our privilege and right of liberty of action and locomotion, to this convention of business and of inspiration, yes to worship our Heavenly Father and our Lord and Saviour, in prayer, praise and thanksgiving,—all in accord with another Bill of Right, namely, *freedom of conscience and religion.*

We see immediately that these rights, which are more fundamental than privileges, which are safeguarded unto us by that immortal document wrought by the hand and brain of man, are not encased somewhere in some distant place, but apply to every day life and situations, including the promotion of the activities of the Church without interference. It is for the preservation of these fundamental and God-given rights that our boys are this very moment battling in Leyte, in the Philippines, in Germany, in Italy, in China and elsewhere; and they are fighting in the best spirit of the American soldier of all time. Washington and Lincoln would be most proud of them. I doubt if any one would deny that if we would lose this war, forced upon us on the day of infamy, three years ago yesterday, we would lose these precious freedoms, these priceless liberties. The words of Patrick Henry still ring: Give me liberty, or give me death!

As members of the Brotherhood, collectively and individually, we should be interested in (1) promoting the spiritual welfare and high morale of our boys and brothers in the services (2) building a stronger Church and Brotherhood to which our Lutheran boys can come back after victory, and (3) in giving our utmost aid to the war effort so as to ensure a speedy and victorious conclusion to this raging conflict. Our boys definitely expect that of us. They are ready to give their all on behalf of the country they love and for all it stands. No efforts of ours can match their sacrifice. What we should unfailingly and unquestionably do to meet the challenge of the hour is to promote the best interests of our country on the home front. When there shall be advance on the home and battle fronts, there shall result victory on all fronts. I like very much the statement of Executive Secretary Bader as follows, quote:

"The 26th anniversary of the Brotherhood of the ULCA is not merely an opportunity to place lighted candles on a birthday cake. It is an opportunity to light a beacon whose rays will penetrate to the farthermost sections of our Church, filling men's souls with the glorious vision of our Lutheran man-power united for Christ and His Kingdom."

Let us, therefore, continue to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us Free!

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From the Chief Chaplain's Office U. S. Army

Two paragraphs from the Christmas letter to the Army chaplains will be of interest. They are taken from Circular Letter No. 291.

An Officer's Faith: "The setting in which I am writing this letter to you, strange though it may seem, is the same one in which I have my altar before which I approach God in prayer. And believe me when I say that I never knew God before as I know Him now. I didn't know what power and comfort there is in prayer until I got over here. Besides facing the dangers that are constantly around us here on the continent, at least five times I have miraculously escaped death or grave dangers only through the intervention of God. These incidents have caused me to know and appreciate the real meaning of such Bible passages as verses 7 and 11 and 12 of the 91st Psalm and so many other like passages. I draw special comfort from Psalms 23, 46, 91 and 121. It almost seems that each time I read any portion of the Bible now my eyes and mind are opened to a new understanding of its meaning. It's remarkable how apropos all the passages are to the present situation. I can never thank God enough for the faith and trust He has graciously permitted me to have in Him. That faith is the only thing that is seeing me through now. And all of my prayers end with the request that God mercifully permit this conflict to come to an end soon." (Officer's letter in church press.)

Services in Combat: "During my stay in this theatre so far I have been privileged to accompany my troops on three amphibious invasions and have undergone with them the tension, fright, excitement, exultation and fatigue that combat action engenders. It has not been a particularly pleasant experience but it definitely has been an invaluable one. The opportunity of serving the men in these conditions cannot be evaluated but it is one that I would not have missed. Services have been held under fire but as long and as often as men would come, that often services were held."

"We were nearing the end of our service when we heard it. There was no mistaking the sound of these German motors. Anxious eyes were lifted skyward. I'm sure the Lord forgave the chaplain for speaking the benediction in half the usual time that day. Before the echo of the last 'Amen' had died away, the congregation was dispersed. We made it just in time too, for the plane sprayed hot lead all over the area. Crouching in our slit-trenches we knew that our real protection was 'Under the Shadow of His Wings.' No one was hurt. I heard one lad say: "I'm sure glad I went to church.'" (Chaplain's letter.)

STAMPS!

Be sure to read ad on back cover — then — send your order.

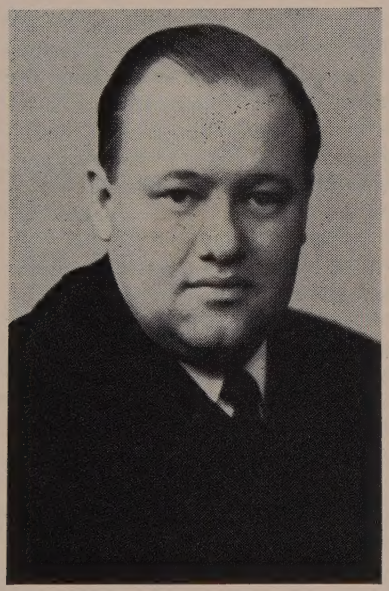
Letterally Yours

Bible Lexicography

By Rev. Roger G. Imhoff

THE MEEK . . .

shall eat and be satisfied,
will be guided in judgment,
shall be delighted in the abundance of peace,
shall inherit the earth.



Rev. Roger G. Imhoff

Our lexicographer is the popular pastor of Fenner Memorial Church, Louisville, Ky. His unique contribution each month is read with interest and profit.

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Twin City Council

Kitchener, Ont.
May 16, 1945
May 16th, 1945.

Dear Editor:

Undoubtedly you will rub your eyes in surprise on receiving this letter as the name of our organization will be unfamiliar to you. The subtitle in our letter-head we hope will explain the purpose for which we exist.

Four representatives from each of the member Brotherhoods meet once a month to serve as a clearing house for projects too large for the individual Brotherhoods to handle.

There is enclosed a letter that is being sent to all Canadian pastors to appraise them of one such project. It occurs to us that in border towns and cities there may be Lutherans who would like to join with us in hearing Dr. Blackwelder speak on Sunday, June 24th.

You will see in the letter that Dr. Blackwelder's address will be broadcast on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation network from one end of Canada to the other and into the United States according to the power of the stations. Without doubt there are many receiving sets along the border who occasionally tune in on this network. The dial setting is 740 kilocycles.

Perhaps you will be so good as to mention this in the June issue of your paper.

Fraternally,
Armin M. Bitzer, Secretary.

Sorry, your letter came too late for publicity, Brother Bitzer. But your program of cooperation is an inspiration.—Ed.

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Much of Interest

Harlingen, Texas,
May 10, 1945.

Dear Editor:

I am enclosing a resume of the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Brotherhood of the Texas Synod for publication in LUTHERAN MEN at your discretion.

Under separate cover I am mailing you a copy of the convention program; also, a copy of the latest issue of the **Valley Lutheran.**

In the report of the executive committee there is a memorial covering a proposed property and loan fund. This was passed by the Brotherhood but at the convention of the Texas synod the Brotherhood idea was referred to a combined meeting of the Brotherhood and Texas synod executive committees. Out of this meeting, we are confident, will come a greater mission effort on the part of the laity. The idea was born at the convention in Minneapolis after hearing of the great work done in other synods by the Brotherhoods. The Texas synod of the future will produce a constructive mission program.

Trusting you will find something of interest in this material to print and thanking you for your fine cooperation, I remain

Yours in the Lord's service,

Conrad E. Broden, M.T.,
Chairman of Publicity.

Texas News

The Brotherhood of the Texas synod held its sixteenth annual convention in the Memorial Auditorium at Goliad, Texas, April 21-22 as guests of the congregation of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Rev. D. I. Dolton, pastor.

The theme of the convention was "Thy Will Be Done."

The highlights of the convention were:

1. The sincere devotional attitude of the delegation showing a willingness to utilize every effort in the promotion of constructive Brotherhood work in the Texas synod.
2. A barbecue banquet prepared by the women of St. John's church at which over one hundred (100) were present.
3. Two stirring messages to the convention by Chaplain August Gruhn, Major, U. S. Army—one at the banquet and the other in a sermon during Brotherhood services Sunday morning. A powerful speaker with an inspiring message.
4. A mission spirit prevailed as voiced by the unanimous desire of the convention to be of help in a progressive program of new missions in the Texas synod. It was the opinion of many that good things will come out of this progressive spirit. A prediction of things to come.
5. A series of panel presentations patterned after the program of the fourteenth biennial convention of the ULCA Brotherhood in Minneapolis. These presentations accentuated the convention theme, "Thy Will Be Done," and were presented as follows:

A. Evangelism—Dr. C. C. Albers, First English, Austin.
B. Stewardship—E. C. Vogt, Victoria, treasurer of the Texas synod.
C. The Family Altar—Walter Rapp, Grace, Houston.
D. Boy Scouting in the Lutheran Church—Ted T. Teel, First United, Dallas.
E. Synodical Unity — Conrad E. Broden, Grace, Harlingen.

The paper on evangelism was a practical application of evangelism as a regular program of First English Lutheran Church of Austin, the success of which was evidenced by the addition of ninety seven (97) new members to that congregation in 1944.

The paper on stewardship brought out all the features of practicing true Christian stewardship.

With the paper on the family altar, an actual demonstration was enacted by members of Grace Brotherhood, Houston, showing the simplicity of these family devotions and bringing

out the importance of these devotions to the family as an integral part of the church and how the church is directly brought into the home.

Boy Scouting brought out the established Boy Scout program of the Brotherhood of the ULCA and the new theme, "A Boy Scout Troop in every Brotherhood in the next two years."

Synodical unity was a practical presentation of this unity in action in the Rio Grande Valley and in Houston. This unity is being extended to Luther Leagues and there is discussion of unity in the women of the church.

6. Reports of promotion, membership and publicity. Under promotion it was reported that in 1943 there were 191 subscriptions to LUTHERAN MEN in the Texas synod and this was increased to 213 in 1944, an increase of 11.5% and that LUTHERAN MEN topics are used in all Brotherhood meetings.

An active publicity program was carried on in 1944 and this program is to be greatly enlarged in 1945. A Brotherhood year book is to be printed and distributed and a program of local, synodical and national news is to be speeded up.

7. A better financial program was instituted so that the new progressive movement will have funds with which to accelerate the Brotherhood program.

8. Election and installation of the following officers for 1945:

Mr. Philip L. Wahlberg, Houston, President.

Mr. H. O. Bornemann, Austin, Vice President.

Mr. A. O. B. Bleimeyer, Houston, Secretary.

Mr. Conrad E. Broden, Harlingen, Treasurer.

Mr. A. W. Pierson, Corpus Christi, Executive Committee Member.

Other holdover members of the Executive Committee are: Dr. A. G. Anderson, Harlingen, and Mr. Clarence J. Fertsch, Dallas.

Synodical Sponsor of Men is Rev. Louis H. deFreese, Houston.

9. A talk by Chaplain Coder, Captain, U. S. Army, in which he stressed the importance of using the leadership training of our returning boys. Chaplain Coder stated that every one of the boys must be given work to do in order that they can adjust their lives to the changes which will come into their lives upon return. Chaplain Coder says that many can be used to advantage in the Boy Scout program.

10. Renewed acquaintances and fellowship known only to sincere followers of brotherly love and the believers in a Christ who died that we might live eternally.

Brother Broden owes much of his enthusiasm for Brotherhood work to his attendance at the Minneapolis Convention. Texas men are alive to the Brotherhood opportunity!—Ed.

Full of Good Things

Daleville, Ind.
May 3rd, 1945.

Dear Editor:

Your April edition is so full of good things concerning the home, marriage, school and the church that I want to send copies to ten of my friends—young people. I am sending $1.00 to defray the cost of ten copies, if that is not enough—then the number a dollar will buy.

In Delaware County the Farm Bureau publishes a monthly newspaper for all farmers. I am a contributor and I send the good things from LUTHERAN MEN—all that they have any space for. I'm sure your good articles reach more than a thousand farm homes in the interest of Christian living.

Sincerely yours,
Grace R. Cromer.

My! your letter pleases the editorial heart. Many of our readers could pass on the "good things" in the generous way you have used.—Ed.

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New England, Here You Are!

Bridgeport, Conn.
May 15th, 1945.

My dear Editor:

Following up my previous correspondence with you, I am enclosing a report on the recently held Brotherhood convention of the New England conference, which was held in the above church on Sunday, April 29th.

The report is of necessity quiet brief, but the high-lights are mentioned.

Also I am sending a photograph of the "Award Shield" mentioned in the report to you, which photograph has been prepared for the purpose of preparing cuts from same.

I am wondering whether any of this material will prove of sufficient interest to warrant space in LUTHERAN MEN.

Incidentally, I might mention that to the best of my knowledge this was the first conference convention that operated a booth for the express purpose of securing new subscriptions to LUTHERAN MEN and we were succesful in obtaining, I understand, about 10 of these subscriptions. I hope we have established a precedent that will prove quite advantageous to your paper.

Yours in Christian Brotherhood,
Ralph J. Wohlsen.

The New England Conference Brotherhood Convention

This convention, April 29th, 1945, was the first time that the First English Lutheran Church of Bridgeport was the host to this meeting.

Both afternoon and evening sessions were started promptly on the scheduled time, and the same business-like atmosphere was evidenced throughout—never a dull moment, and much was accomplished, but much more information and knowledge was gained through the informative addresses and intelligent discussions.

The Rev. John C. Dries of the First English Lutheran Church conducted both the opening and closing devotions in very solemn and impressive manner. President Proch is to be complimented on the able manner in which he conducted the business session and the decorum maintained throughout.

Rev. Conrad R. Reisch of St. Paul's, Bridgeport, director of Lutheran World Action for the conference and recently elected president of the New England conference, brought the greetings of that body to the convention and talked briefly on World Action.

The main topic of this session, was the Brotherhood's work in connection with Social Missions. Rev. C. F. Koch D.D., the ULCA executive secretary of that board, very ably presented the work at hand by that board; both the talk and the dicussion that followed were most interesting and enlightening.

A booth was set up and operated by Mr. Frank Brown and Treasurer W. H. Hauptli for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions to LUTHERAN MEN and many subscriptions were obtained.

Mr. Ralph J. Wohlsen, president of the First English Brotherhood, presented the conference Brotherhood with an enameled, cast-aluminum Brotherhood insignia, which plaque is to be presented annually as an award to the congregational Brotherhood that has brought back the most lapsed members and secured the most new members for their respective church during the preceding year. The original pattern for this plaque was made by Mr. Wohlsen, and donated by him in behalf of the Brotherhood of the First English Lutheran Church of Bridgeport.

The collection, about $30.00, was donated to Boston Chapel building fund.

All arrangements and decorations for the evening banquet were prepared by the men of the local Brotherhood. Tables were set for 125. Every active member of that Brotherhood took an active part in some part of these arrangements and preparations. Music was provided during the dinner period by a string ensemble that was well-applauded. A most unusual dinner of Polish ham was served by a caterer secured through Mr. Raymond Gresch, and while this dinner will probably make Brother-

hood history, the speaker of this session was certainly no less outstanding. The subject was "Lutheran World Action" and the speaker, Rev. Paul C. Empie, D.D., very vividly presented the work of that movement and the existing conditions throughout the world to be coped with. This talk will without a doubt also be recorded in this conference's Brotherhood history.

The toastmaster, who described himself as "The Punk Who Puts Off the Fireworks"—The Rev. Albert P. Schilke of Wetherseld, was just about "tops."

Not the largest convention, due to ODT restrictions but surely one of the very best ever. If you missed it—you are the loser.

You see, Brother Wohlson, how easy it is to secure publicity for your New England brand of Lutheranism. Just tell us about your doings. Thanks for an interesting news note.—Ed.

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"Inspiring Thoughts"

February 17, 1945.

Dear Editor:

I am a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Williamsport, Pa., and since I have come into the service, they have been very kind in sending me the publication, LUTHERAN MEN. However, I notice my address is my boot training address. Now I don't feel that anybody is to blame but me. I am sorry I have neglected to do this before, as I have come a long way since that address. In fact, 3,700 odd miles out here on the west coast.

I am taking these few spare moments to do something about it. I have just received the January issue, and so before I do something else, I want to give you my new address. It follows: Eugene L. Mortimer, S1/c, 922-56-06, U.S.S. Alex Diachenko, APO 123, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

I get many inspiring thoughts out of your publication. In these days we need all the food for thought we can get, and as you probably know, when you get a Fleet Post Office address, it takes mail longer to reach its destination. That is the reason I want you to have my correct address, to avoid any delay in delivery.

Well I must get to work now, so I'll take my leave. Thank you again very much.

Yours truly,

Eugene L. Mortimer, S1/c.

May your mail keep up with you. —Ed.

A Voice from South Carolina

March 3, 1945.

Dear Editor:

At the request of Mr. B. T. Bodie, president of the Central Conference Brotherhood of our synod, I am sending you a brief article about a banquet sponsored by this group in connection with the recent convention of the S. C. Synod. He would like you to use it in LUTHERAN MEN at your convenience. Please feel perfectly free to change, omit, and condense as you think best.

I am also enclosing a letter sent to families in our congregation by our local Brotherhood. By this you will note that the Brotherhood of our congregation is sponsoring a program to secure building funds for our church. It is called the "20th Anniversary Club." Also a couple news letters from our congregation. Just thought you might be interested in looking these over.

With sincere good wishes, I am,

Cordially,

Wynne C. Boliek.

Brotherhood Banquet

One of the features in connection with the recent meeting of the Lutheran Synod of South Carolina was a banqut sponsored by the Central Conference Brotherhood. This was held at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday, February 7, in the home building of the Capital Life and Health Ins. Co. Some 300 were in attendance including laymen from this area, pastors, delegates and visitors.

The guest speaker was Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, president of the United Lutheran Church in America. His message was received with great interest and appreciation. Dr. Fry was attending the convention of the S. C. Synod as the official representative from the ULCA. He was introduced by Dr. W. H. Greever, secretary of the ULCA, and many years a member of this synod. The program was in charge of Mr. B. T. Bodie, president of the Central Conference Brotherhood.

In a brief business session the conference Brotherhood voted unanimously to recommend to the state Brotherhood a suggested goal of $50,000,000 for the Loan and Gift Fund for the state group. The conference also made provision for two important committees, one to study the problem of juvenile delinquency, and the second on Christian education.

The Brotherhood group of the Central Conference is quite interested in promoting all the important programs of the Church.

Thank you Pastor Boliek for keeping us informed about S. C. doings. We have learned to look South for evidence that the Brotherhood can become a strong arm of the Church. Your men take their Brotherhood seriously. May their tribe increase!

Good Letter Service

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Corner Pine and Hickory Streets,
Johnstown, Pa.

November 18, 1944.

Dear Editor Traver:

Having noticed that the recent issues of LUTHERAN MEN contain quite a lot of information in regards to the boys in service, I thought, perhaps, that you might be interested in noting how we reach our members in the service monthly. The enclosed sample was our November copy sent to approximately 150 boys and girls in the service.

Pastor Rowe has been serving us for only a few months, therefore the first or cover page.

Sincerely yours,

E. D. Blough.

Thank you for the finely mimeographed edition of The Trinity Bugler. The picture of your new pastor was a good idea. The service men and women will want to know how he looks.—Ed.

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Something to Think About

The Michigan Synodical Brotherhood
of the United Lutheran Church
in America
Official Men's Auxiliary

Feby. 17, 1945.

Dear Editor:

I am enclosing a copy of my article on the third objective of the Brotherhood for your files. It will appear in the March issue of our *Michigan Messenger*.

The February issue of LUTHERAN MEN certainly portrays something for the men to think about. It is indeed hard to understand how any of them see this first objective of the Brotherhood so vividly set out before them without having a deep desire to do something about it.

The world much needs deep changes in human personalities, changes to humbleness and loving kindness. If we become true fishers of men as Christ asked, enough men, both high in authority and lowly in estate, can be reached to bring about this change.

Sincerely,

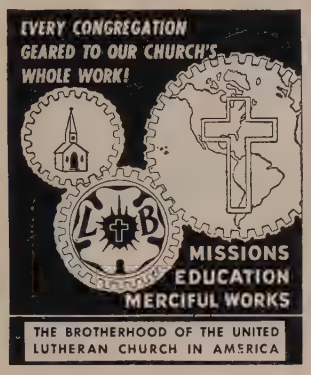
R. E. Gerke.

Thank you Brother Gerke. It will not be your fault if Michigan men do not hear the call to service.. Ed.

The Executive Secretary's

MONTHLY MESSAGE

MR. EARLE W. BADER, 62 East Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pa.



Christian Stewardship Stamps

The theme, **Faithful Stewards for Christ** will emphasize through the Brotherhood's new **Christian Stewardship** stamps our responsibility to promote **Missions — Education** and **Merciful Works** as the 3-fold task of the Church.

Based on the Brotherhood's **Sixth Objective**, these attractive stamps illustrate with a series of gears how the associated manpower in the Brotherhood transmits the strength of the local congregation to the general Church. These colorful stamps will carry the ultimate goal of the Church to our Brotherhood members at home and abroad, indicating that it is our aim to have—**"Every congregation geared to the Church's whole work."**

Two booklets of the **Christian Stewardship** stamps containing 50 stamps each, which will sell at 50c per booklet, will be mailed on or about July 15th to our Brotherhoods, Bible classes and other individuals interested in the Brotherhood's effort to make the **Sixth Objective**—"To Meet The Obligation Of The Whole Church" an accomplished fact in our ULCA congregations.

We hope you will make good use of the **Christian Stewardship** stamps and give the widest possible publicity to our efforts to help our Church-men become **"Faithful Stewards for Christ."** May we suggest that you share the stamps with your friends, who will also be proud to use them on letters and parcels to members in the armed forces at home and overseas.

If you have not received your two booklets of **Christian Stewardship** stamps by August First, kindly notify Brotherhood headquarters and they will reach you promptly.

Lutheran Chaplaincy Quotas

A recent issue of the NLC News Bulletin confirms our opinion that the number of Lutheran chaplains will be increased in the coming months. The News Bulletin has this to say about chaplains in the United States army:

"As of this date you have procured 376 from your basic quota of 426 chaplains allowed you by the war department," declares a letter to Dr. Ralph H. Long, executive director of the National Lutheran Council, from Gen. George S. Rixey, acting chief of chaplains of the army.

This leaves a balance of 50 National Lutheran Council chaplains to be obtained before the basic quota is filled. The enrolling of Lutheran pastors as chaplains need not stop there, since, so long as other denominations have unfilled quotas, additional Lutherans can be accepted. Gen. Rixey states that should the basic quota be filled, "you will be permitted to procure an additional 35% . . . which will allow you to process the applications of 199 more applicants. This you may continue to do until you are advised that the total procurement billing has been reached."

The gigantic expansion program for our navy and maritime services will substantially increase the number of Lutheran chaplains in this branch of service.

Each of these new chaplains will be included on our complimentary chaplain's list to whom we supply free copies of LUTHERAN MEN each month, regardless of whether they are serving at home or overseas. We are also sending LUTHERAN MEN free of charge to our service and contact pastors, in addition to the reading rooms in our Lutheran Service Centers and military training camps.

This service is made possible by the generous gifts from Brotherhoods, Bible classes and individuals. **A minimum of $2,000 will be needed to maintain the Chaplains' Subscriptions Fund for the ensuing year.** Our chaplains are eager to receive LUTHERAN MEN and that is the reason for this urgent appeal to send us your contributions **NOW!** Your check in whatever amount you wish to give should be made payable to LUTHERAN MEN, and plainly marked for **Chaplains' Subscriptions** and forwarded to Brotherhood Headquarters, 62 East Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pa. We will acknowledge your gift in LUTHERAN MEN.

Remember—**at home or overseas—"Every Lutheran Man Needs** LUTHERAN MEN."

Brotherhood Sunday, Oct. 21st

October 21st will be the time for this year's Brotherhood Sunday observance. The theme will be—**"Every Congregation Geared to the Church's Whole Work—**(a) **Missions—**(b) **Education—**(c) **Merciful Works."**

You will instantly recognize from the preceding paragraphs that we are carrying the message of the **Christian Stewardship** stamps into our Brotherhood Sunday services. We believe that it is not enough to tell our brethren to be **"Faithful Stewards for Christ"** but that we should provide a definite program of action that will challenge them to dedicate their time, treasure and talents to the work of the Lord.

This program must obviously begin in the local congregation and here it is hoped that the Brotherhood Sunday services with their definite emphasis on **Christian Stewardship** will stimulate our congregations to reach the $2,500,000 ULCA income objective which was voted at the Minneapolis convention.

The work on the Brotherhood Sunday literature is progressing favorably and we expect to have the packets with suggested program and sermon outline ready for mailing by September First. It is not too early to arrange for your Brotherhood Sunday service and to invite your guest speaker if you are planning to have one.

National Sunday Vespers

We are pleased to remind our readers that for the fifteenth annual season, the national Sunday Vespers will again be broadcast over WJZ, and the affiliated Blue Network stations on Sundays from 2:00 to 2:30 P. M. EWT,

beginning June 3rd and carrying through September 30th.

The Lutheran laymen's radio committee with headquarters at 297 Fourth Ave., New York City, announces that Dr. Paul Scherer, pastor of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, New York, will again be the officiating minister. It is to be noted that Dr. Oscar F. Blackwelder, pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, D. C., will be heard on July 1 and 8th, while Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, President of the ULCA, will preach on August 5 and September 2nd.

The committee calls upon church people who are interested in continuance of this type of broadcast to assist in several specific ways: To ascertain if the nearest Blue Network station plans to carry the program, and if not, urge it to do so; to give the broadcast possible publicity to these Sunday programs; to send "fan mail" to the local station in appreciation of programs which are particularly enjoyed; and, to assist in carrying the incidental expenses, totaling $6,000 for the season. It is pointed out that the program is 100% in the "sustaining" class, no portion of station time being paid for.

It is assumed that we will tune in the Sunday Vespers and that it is not asking too much that we indicate our appreciation of this splendid radio ministry by personal calls and letters to our local radio stations that are carrying these programs on a free time basis. It will also be a gracious gesture to write Dr. Scherer and his guest speakers if we have benefitted from their sermons. Our letters will be doubly appreciated if a check is enclosed.

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Improving The Monthly Meeting

Every congregational Brotherhood officer at some time or other has pondered over the problem of increasing the attendance at the monthly meetings. Mr. Frank P. Reiter, Johnstown, Pa., keyman and president of the Central Pennsylvania synodical Brotherhood, offered the following suggestions to solve the problem of getting more men out to our meetings. These suggestions were taken from Brother Reiter's presentation to the Minneapolis convention, and are excerpts from the printed minutes of the meeting:

The test of any program is the extent to which it affects and inspires the listener.

To inspire listeners we must have a program that throbs with spirituality and fellowship. Without inspiration and enthusiasm there is little or no action. Brotherhood men, for the most part, want to be informed about the program of their Church. The program of the Brotherhood of The United Lutheran Church covers objectives that have been tried and tested. They are sufficiently flexible to meet times and conditions. Their proper presentation will result in an enriched Christian consciousness.

"How Shall We Increase Our Monthly Attendance?"

1. By the participation of the pastor.
2. By the participation of the church council.
3. By the participation of the Sunday school officials as well as all male teachers.
4. By the Brotherhood officials selecting in advance two or more members to lead the topic discussion.
5. By the Brotherhood taking an active part in all special efforts of the congregation.

"I, TOO, CAN ACHIEVE
Independence
THRU LIFE INSURANCE"
BUSINESS women, teachers, homemakers and women in all walks of life now secure protection and achieve independence through LUTHERAN MUTUAL life insurance.
Ask your LUTHERAN MUTUAL representative for information about life insurance for women, and a security program exactly tailored to your own needs.
A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY PROVIDES FUNDS WHEN THEY ARE MOST NEEDED
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6. By the Brotherhood being helpful in electing the right members as church officers, and urging them to fulfill their vows taken at installation, as well as assist them in carrying out their responsibilities and obligations to the congregation.
7. By the Brotherhood members knowing **"Why I am a Lutheran,"** and **"What a Church Member Should Know,"** and conveying that knowledge to others in a fervent, prayerful, Christian spirit.
8. By the Brotherhood serving as "Dads" to the Children of the Church, Boy Scouts and other congregational groups.
9. By the Brotherhood having a definite service goal of missionary import.
10. By the Brotherhood taking the **Lead** in a program of readjustment for men and women returning from war service.

Other items may be added, but if all of these will be put into practice in an intelligent and in a dynamic Christian spirit, I am sure your lack of attendance will be largely overcome. Lack of attendance is largely due to some of our preaching being too spineless, too ethical and too watery. Too much tickling the ears, not enough pricking of the heart.

Any or all of these suggestions may be greatly enlarged upon.

Permit me to expand on Item 10, that of taking the lead in readjustment for our service men and women.

1. Every church should have a service committee (both men and women). This committee should make a canvass of employers of your church membership who will promise to take on discharged service men and women. They should tabulate positions,—clerks, laborers, mechanics, etc. As soon as discharged veterans return, have the committee call and offer help in re-employment.
2. Arrange welcome-back parties by various organizations. Sermons must be strong, virile and biblical. Men have faced the stern realities in war; their chaplains have given them the real Gospel, they will want the same from their church pulpits —not sermons on books or book reviews, not theological arguments, but every-day religion.

Capitalize on their missionary experiences overseas; many have had a rebirth on the value of missions.

The church must get busy and help solve three things that reverberated among the overseas veterans.

A. Race riots, race prejudice, especially the negro problem.
B. Labor unions and strikes—the rackets within these organizations must be cleaned up.
C. Class distinction in the army—line between returning soldiers and those rejected.

Lutheran Boy Scouts

● By MR. H. D. FOSTER, Chairman
(Boy Scout Committee of The Brotherhood of The U.L.C.A.)

Scouting in the Lutheran Church

The recent weeks have found Boy Scout Headquarters a bee hive of activity. More than 600 Boy Scout packets were mailed in response to the letters and post card requests from pastors and laymen interested in organizing and strengthening their congregation troops and cub packs. Other requests for Lutheran Scouting material have come from BSA—Scout executives many of whom are giving high praise to our "Scouting in the Lutheran Church" manual.

Our synodical and conference Brotherhoods are also perfecting their Boy Scout set-up. Committee appointments recently announced are:

Central Pennsylvania

Director—George H. Burchfield, 16 E. King St., Lancaster, Pa.

Committee—William C. Lape, R.D. No. 7, Johnstown, Pa.; Ernest K. Gackenbach, 222 S. Gill St., State College, Pa.; Owent T. Slaughter, 731 W. Main St., Palmyra, Pa.; Harold J. Stahle, 1310 Brant Avenue, New Cumberland, Pa.

Nebraska

Director—O. E. Schellberg, 6013 Florence Blvd., Omaha 11, Nebr.

Committee—F. E. Wood, 736 Military Ave., Fremont, Nebr.; James Williams, 4732 So. 49th St., Omaha 7, Nebr.; Russell Swanson, North Platte, Nebr.; James Rasmussen, 5828 Ohio, Omaha 4, Nebr.; Gordon E. Peterson, 1416 14th St., Auburn, Nebr.

North Carolina

(Central District)

Director—E. M. Henning, Albemarle, N. C.

Committee—E. M. Henning, Albemarle, N. C.; Charles D. Hemphill, Concord, N. C.; Lee A. Jones, Charlotte, N. C.

(Northern District

Director—Rev. Ernest L. Misenheimer, Rockwell, N. C.

Committee—(Have not been appointed yet.)

Ministerium of Pennsylvania

Director—Dr. G. A. Eichler, 320 E. Twentieth St., Northampton, Pa.

Committee—Merritt R. Mills, 1428 Maple St., Bethlehem, Pa.; Jesse Hunsberger, 135 N. Third St., Telford, Pa.; Paul M. Herring, 341 Highland Ave., Kutztown, Pa.; Joseph Fasnacht, 622 East Frederick St., Lancaster, Pa.; Harold L. Oberholtzer, 7459 E. Tulpehocken St., Philadelphia, Pa.

SCOUTING IN ALL SYNODS

Letters and Comments from Lutheran Scouters:

Believing you will be interested in the progress of Scouting throughout the Church, we are pleased to share the following letters and comments. We invite letters from pastors and Scoutmasters concerning your troop committees, educational and recreational programs, and congregational or community projects sponsored by your Boy Scout troops.

Nutley, New Jersey

"In another few weeks one of the Boy Scouts in our church troop will have completed his 200 hours of service to the church. When that is done he will have finished all the requirements for the Pro Deo et Patria Award. Will you please advise us the procedure to follow for securing this reward for him?"

Respectfully,
(Rev.) Henry J. Berkobin,
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Duquesne, Pennsylvania

"I am the superintendent of the First English Lutheran Church School in Duquesne and am also chairman of Leadership Training for Monongahela District, part of Allegheny County Council, B.S. of A.—have been in Scouting 29 years.

I would like to introduce this award to our troop for I believe with good requirements it can prove very beneficial to our Church. Is it possible to secure one of these badges for show purpose, to stimulate interest among the members of the troop? If so, how? Any other help you can give me will greatly be appreciated."

Yours for better Scouting,
Paul Liner,
First Lutheran Church.

Rochester, New York

"Please send packets of Boy Scout literature and manuals for a troop containing 15 Boy Scouts and 8 senior Scouts (15 years and older) whose activities are air Scout work). We want to extend our activities to explorer work also, so according to your article in the LUTHERAN MEN, I think you can give us some valuable information."

Yours truly,
H. W. Greninger,
Reformation Lutheran Church.

Rowan District, North Carolina

"I am very much interested in

Scouting and have been active in the program for many years. I think the ULCA Brotherhood has done a fine thing in sponsoring and promoting it in the Lutheran Church.

My church, St. John's in Salisbury, has the oldest Boy Scout troop in our county. There are some twenty-five Lutheran churches in Rowan County and many of them have Scouting. As chairman of the Rowan District I am interested in giving these churches all the encouragement possible.

If you have any literature, handbooks, awards, program outlines, etc., that are now available, we would like very much to have a sample of them. We hope to make Scouting a very definite and effective part of our youth program in the Lutheran Church."

Sincerely yours,
C. A. Peeler, Chairman.

Greencastle, Pennsylvania

"I am glad to learn that the ULCA Brotherhood intends to take an active interest in the work of Scouting. As you will note, I am cubmaster of Pack No. 13 which was formerly No. 3013, and we have a community pack numbering 18 cubs.

Any assistance I can give you, please feel free to call upon me. Find enclosed card asking for the 70 page booklet. I am interested too in the medal "Pro Deo et Patria" which is granted to Lutheran Scouts. On what terms are these given and what do they cost?"

Sincerely,
Trinity Lutheran Church.
(Rev.) Raymond L. Markley,

Albany, New York

"Troop 9, Boy Scouts of America (Fort Orange Council) operates under the sponsorship of the First Lutheran Church, Albany, New York,—Chalmers E. Frontz, D.D., Pastor.

It is our understanding that, at the meeting of the United Lutheran Church held recently, the general sponsorship of all Boy Scouts operating under the auspices of Lutheran churches was taken from the Luther League and given to the National Lutheran Brotherhood.

The purpose of this letter is to inquire as to what literature on the subject has been prepared, and whether same is available to the churches and troop leaders at this time.

We believe a closer community of interests between the individual church and Scout troop is both necessary and desirable, and are anxious to secure all information possible on this phase of the work, such as the awarding of prizes or medals to Scouts for their efforts directly in behalf of the local church.

Thanking you in advance and assuring you of our sincere desire to adopt the program suggested by the Brotherhood."

Yours very truly,
E. L. Kemp, Chairman,
Troop Committee, Troop 9.

Maywood, Illinois

"Please send me information as to how to start a Scout troop. I am a senior in the seminary and will be in my parish in a month. I have been in scouting off and on for the last 12 years, but never attempted to start a troop.

Do you have any suggestions to overcome any of the difficulties that might be in a troop of a country parish? Would you advise the Lone Scout program?"

Sincerely,
Robert C. Schmidt.

West Chester, Pennsylvania

"The Brotherhood of Calvary Lutheran Church, West Chester, is considering the forming of a Scout troop in the very near future. We would appreciate your sending us the information regarding the necessary steps to get this project under way. We are totally lacking in any knowledge on this subject, thus, request that you send us full particulars."

Sincerely,
Calvary Lutheran Church.
(Rev.) William H. Ralston,

Erie, Pennsylvania

"I am writing you relative to the Lutheran Church award for faithful service, the award for Boy Scouts. Is this award to be confined to the boys?

What I am interested in is the adult leadership. There are many men,—troop committeemen, Scoutmasters and assistants, and pastors who can meet every requirement laid down and who would not only be exceedingly proud of recognition by their Church, but the fact that they wore the award would be an inspiration to the boys. I know that I would wear such an award with even greater pride than my Silver Beaver, and other men feel the same way. Can you inform me in this matter? Also inform me where application is made for such award medals and the cost. Thank you.

If you cannot give me this information, please advise me where to write. I've been a member of the national council for 26 years."

Sincerely,
(Rev.) E. M. Gearhart,
Luther Memorial Lutheran Church.

A Mother's Day Picture

All the service men in attendance on Mother's Day at the First Lutheran Church, San Diego, California, Rev. Erwin A. Vosseler, pastor, were photoed after service and the picture sent to their mothers. What a happy thought!

Your Help Needed Now!

Your generous contributions to the 1944 Chaplains' Subscription Fund have made it possible to supply free copies of LUTHERAN MEN each month to our Army and Navy Chaplains at home and overseas. We are also sending our magazine without cost to each of our Service and Contact Pastors, in addition to the reading rooms in our Lutheran Service Centers and the military training camps.

Hardly a day passes without our receiving a letter from a Lutheran Chaplain (and those of other denominations, too) thanking us for sending them LUTHERAN MEN. Several chaplains enclosed a check for the Chaplains' Subscription Fund with their letters.

$2,000 is the minimum amount that will be needed to maintain the Chaplains' Subscription Fund for the coming year.

This urgent appeal comes to Brotherhoods, Bible classes and individuals to send us your contribution NOW. Your check in whatever amount you wish to give should be made payable to LUTHERAN MEN and plainly marked for "CHAPLAIN'S' SUBSCRIPTIONS," and forwarded to Brotherhood Headquarters, 62 East Garrison Street, Bethlehem, Pa. We will acknowledge your gift in LUTHERMAN MEN.

Lutheran Men in Bible Study Classes

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For These Things We Strive

In a previous issue of LUTHERAN MEN the seven major aims of adult Christian education were discussed. They are: (1) an increasing consciousness of God as a reality in all human experience and a sense of personal relationship to Him; (2) increasing loyalty to Jesus and His cause; (3) continuous growth in Christian character; (4) a Christian interpretation of life and of the universe as expressing the divine purpose and plan, and a philosophy of life built upon this interpretation; (5) growing ability and desire to participate in and contribute to the building of a Christian community and world; (6) the progressive assimilation of the best religious experience of the race as expressed in the Bible, in other religious literature, and in life; (7) increasingly effective participation in the life and work of the Church, as the organized society of Christians and the chief agency through which the cause of Jesus Christ is to be advanced.

Reasonable attainment of these great goals calls for many effective means, which may in themselves be considered as intermediate aims. Some of these desired means or aims are here discussed.

Better Attendance of Class Members

Congregations sometimes show a wide gap between the confirmed and the communing membership lists. And so it is with many adult classes. The enrollment looks wonderful, but when we take note of the average attendance, it is a different thing. Not infrequently it proves a very disconcerting thing. What is the matter?

Some of it may be due to "high-pressuring" adults into classes, and then doing little to help them grow into the "warp and woof" of the group. They have to be welcomed with more than a handshake, a backslap, and a smile. They must find real fellowship. They must be helped to feel that they are wanted, and have ample opportunity to do what they are able to do.

New members need to be visited repeatedly as a means toward making them one with the rest of the group. They ought to be invited into other homes, as well as to the social occasions of the class. They will need to come to the point of feeling at home, free—and easy, unembarrassed, and on an equality with the rest of the class members.

The general attractiveness, appeal, and friendliness of the total situation will make a great difference. Strive to have these characteristics mark the class. Be sure real help is offered for both new and old members of the group.

Reaching the Unreached

The children's division of the Sunday school reaches a larger proportion of children than does the young people's division for youth or the adult division for adults. In consideration of the larger number, the adult division reaches the smallest proportion of them all. That is probably due to several causes, such as adult home and vocational responsibility, a feeling on the part of adults that they do not need it, a vague idea that adults are too old to learn, and a general sense of the unimportance of adult religious education. As a matter of fact adults need religious education more than children or adults. We ought to be reaching more of those who are on the outside.

Let a class name a special committee to make up a prospect roll by studying the other rolls, the church membership list, the pastor's prospect list, getting names from other class members, getting names from the congregation, and by requesting names wherever a call is made. These names may then be assigned to willing workers in the class for visitation. Let an individual specialize on a certain part of your community. See that there is a good follow-up as long as the possibilities have not been exhausted.

Better Teaching

Here is a real means of attracting new students and of holding the older ones. Good teaching is attractive, interesting, calls for much response by class members, preserves an open mind, stimulates real thinking, keeps out of the usual ruts, seeks new and better ways of doing everything, is tolerant and appreciative of others' views, and is re-enforced by Christian example.

A good teacher is self-critical. He ought to be examining himself constantly, discovering his weaknesses and strengths, and endeavoring to improve. God pity the teacher who becomes satisfied with himself and his work!

One of the teacher's most treacherous pitfalls is becoming enslaved to the lecture method. Let him be free on some Sundays to visit other adult classes, especially where there are teachers who are "tops." But remember that a teacher who uses the same method all the time is not "tops," no matter what the method is.

A Broad Program

The best results are achieved in Christian education when we find adequate means to appeal to all the main factors in human personality and to get response from them. This is best accomplished by having a broad program—one which provides much variety.

One important part of such a program should be worship. Thereby is established and maintained an intimate contact with God. And out of repeated worship experiences comes the inspiration to high living and ready service.

There ought also to be means of building up people's information in regard to religion and its part in day-to-day life, and something to challenge thinking. A good scheme of study will do a lot toward the attainment of these ends.

The social side of life must not be neglected. That is a weak spot in the plans of many churches, Sunday schools, and classes. Everyone needs Christian fellowship.

Service activities should also be a part of any plan of adult Christian education. In Christian serving we grow in spiritual stature.

Christian Stewardship . . .

"Good Indefinitely" But . . . Cancelled

By Mr. Thomas B. Hickman

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.—Matt: 6: 19-21.

"Good Indefinitely" will be quickly recognized and remembered as part of the ration calendar printed daily in the newspapers of our country for several months prior to Christmas 1944, when with sudden and shocking certainess the ration points thus described were cancelled and made valueless. Perhaps not since the news of the sudden Jap attack on Pearl Harbor has consternation been so complete in the homes of America and resentment so widespread. This observation is not directed at the economic or political phase of the action that was taken but at the reaction and resultant disappointment so keenly suffered. Such reaction should forcibly direct the attention of our daily lives to the changes, uncertainties and unreliability of things human and temporal, even with the strength of our government as sponsor. With such realization so swiftly forced on us the significance of the words of Jesus in Matthew—"Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth . . ." gives us a keener understanding and conviction of the deep concern the Christ has for the children of every generation.

We of America have a heritage of freedom and independent support which has been fundamental from the days when the founding fathers of the nation taught and worked for true and free religious life and the pursuit of the happiness such lives possess.

The Church with its teachings and unwavering beliefs in a Supreme Being and immortal life has been built along with and into the architecture of our nation. It is this Christian concept and influence in the nation's life that makes America different, that has given to us the standards of life which produce the happiness and contentment characteristic of this nation.

The Church then today, because of this heritage perhaps, but certainly in its divine mission and responsibility of leadership in things spiritual and eternal, must quicken its life and activities within itself, that men and women throughout our land will realize a burning passion that will compel them to bring the gospel's great truths into their daily associations in secular and social life. Christians must protect this precious heritage in the sterling form we have received it and valiantly battle that it shall not become befogged or lost in the overwhelming pressure of our secular and political life of today which is so greatly influenced if not almost entirely dominated by war activities and kindred demands in all our lives.

The Christian Church must be keenly awake to the changing life of America. The Church in its entire membership must seek to evaluate clearly its responsibility to hold firm and true all Christians standards of private and public life.

Christians must follow the Master in the protection of the youth of our land from the delinquency so prevalent and so easily left for state agencies or others to correct or punish. Surely our churches will not be forgiven when we fail to seek out such conditions and causes that are within our midst and change them by the use of both Christian and lawful means.

We must teach and practice the stewardship of security. We must seek to lay up our "treasures in heaven" by honest, straightforward and thrifty attention to all the things of life, with which our heavenly Father endows us.

What and how are the sixty-five million American members of our churches planning and providing for the peace of the world? Conferences, conventions and forums have studied and considered the prospects for peace, a just and a lasting peace. The pronouncements published from all such conferences have been encouraging, but the spirit of the Master and brotherhood of man must be significant and underlying in all such if we would have a peace that is to be both lasting and to cover the world.

In the conference at Yalta, no reports published used the word "Christian." "Democracy" came out instead. Two of the "big three" represented the English speaking countries of the world. These countries are considered the trustees of civilization, the protectors of the Christian way of life and Christian men and women of these nations look to these leaders as their representatives, and for themselves, to uphold and maintain the Christian spirit of brotherhood and understanding as g i v e n to our churches by our Lord himself. Dr. William T. Ellis, writing on the international Sunday School lesson for March 18th, says, "Uncounted millions live by the rule of seeking to do what Jesus would have them do. The desire to be well pleasing unto Him is the master motive of the best life. People everywhere are perceiving that "the way out" for this sorry old world is by Him who called Himself "the Way." The only possibility for a durable peace, in a world dominated by a new spirit of brotherhood and helpfulness, is a general acceptance of the teaching and spirit and kingship of Christ.

He alone has power to purify people's purposes. Only in obedience to Him can the world level be lifted. That basic truth should sweep the land, with every Christian bearing witness to it. Only Christ can furnish an adequate motive for the sort of life for which we fight and of which we dream.

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Father (facetiously) — "Don't you think our son gets his intelligence from me?"

Mother (likewise)—"He must. I've still got mine."—Biblical Recorder.

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THE FELLOW is not necessarily a fool, ignorant, wrong or crooked because he will not agree with you or do what you want him to do.—E. S. McClelland.

Topic of the Month

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Distorted Truth Confronts Us

Topic for August, 1945

By Rev. Robert D. Hershey, S.T.D.

AIM: To help men better to realize that (1) lack of reliable information hinders living; (2) all forms of propaganda confuse us; (3) falsified advertising and salesmanship are morally wrong; (4) political and economic misrepresentation are unchristian; (5) truth on vital issues is often hard to get; (6) careful reading, inquiry, listening and thinking are the way to truth; and (7) Christianity stands on truth and all else should be understood in its light.

Worship

Hymn: "Summer Suns Are Glowing"—PHS. No. 357

Scripture Readings: 2 Thess. 2 and St. John 8:31-59

Prayer: Free, or No. 36 and No. 41—PSH. p. 29

Hymn: "Teach Me, O Teach Me, Lord, Thy Way"—PSH. No. 145

NOTE: Last month it was suggested that in preparation for the August topic a bit of interest could be elicited by having the men themselves participate in the program. On the basis of newspapers, advertising journals, radio and public discussion, a committee can easily construct a timely and interesting true or false quiz. List a series of 20 or 30 statements and have them represent pure facts, half-truths, misrepresenetations, and falsification. Call it a Truth or Consequences program if you will, but keep in mind the fact that the topic is primary, not the entertainment. Conduct the quiz at the beginning of the meeting—allowing not more than 10 minutes for answering. Hold the answers until the program has been completed.)

The Topic

There is an old saying, it's birth presumably from the lips of a wise man, that "against thieves and robbers we have defense; bolts, locks and bars; but against liars we have no defense." Certainly there is a good portion of truth in that observation.

Of almost any crime, the most disgusting aspect is the cheating that is involved. Even outright robbery and murder are less revolting when there have been no false pretences. But when we cannot depend on a person's word, we are indeed lost. Our faith in one another is the cement of society; and when that cement will not hold, the building falls. A liar is the worst enemy of mankind.

One who tells you what is not so is not necessarily a liar. The fables of Aesop and the tales of Kipling are more true than things that are "so." And that is because they mislead nobody; they do not betray or blind a soul. There are too, if I dare suggest it, some necessary and becoming lies of decency and love; of decency where we conceal that which is shameful to reveal; of love where we disguise a fact that would be cruel. (cf. The Questions for Discussion.) The lie is a real lie that tends to create a false impression in behalf of the liar's advantage, and this kind has its source in vanity, cowardice, or malice. In other words, the purpose behind an untruth is to be the object of test. The lie of vanity is what we say to produce a better opinion of ourselves than that which we deserve; e.g. when one pretends he is rich or wise when he is poor or ignorant. The lie of cowardice is what we tell for fear of the facts; e.g. when a man has stolen money and denies it for fear of the consequences. The lie of malice is the falsehood that is used to bring harm to someone. It is quite safe to say that upon these three qualities practically all lies are nourished. There is but one thing needful to avoid being a liar—to see that our intention is clean of vanity, cowardice, and malice. If these three poisons are not in you, you cannot lie if you try. When they are in you even the truth you utter is false. And they can be dispossessed only by their counterparts—humility, courage, and love.

Having said this, it becomes clear that another word needs to be said. There are those who, disregarding the point of that famous play "Nothing But The Truth"—in which a man dared to tell his wife exactly what he thought of her hat and took the consequences—still maintain that truth is truth and should always be told regardless of circumstances. These people are speaking about factual truth rather than what I prefer to call value truth. In the realm of mathematics $1+2 =s 3$. That's fine, and I would not deny it if I could. In the realm of chemistry, 2 parts of hydrogen and 1 part of oxygen do not make 3 of anything. They produce one substance—water. $(2+1 =s 1)$. In the realm of biology as it has been facetiously but truly pointed out $1+1^{c} =s 3$. Thus it is true that $1+2 =s 3$ in the realm of pure facts, but as soon as value is given to these units the idea of truth is changed. As an arbitrary truth the hat your wife wears is simply a hat. That is a factual truth. But as soon as you apply a value judgment to that hat and call it either beautiful or hideous, truth becomes relative.

All this leads very directly to one significant observation. There is a realm of factual truth—absolute and eternal. There is also a realm wherein these absolute truths are humanly interpreted and applied. And between the two lies most of our trouble. The medium through which factual truth has to travel until it can become part and parcel of our living, is the source of our difficulty. Advertising, editorials, news reporting, language, vocal tones, facial expression, timing, personal interests, money, patriotism—these and a half hundred other matters distort the truth so invariably that we soon get the idea that truth is entirely a relative matter. Factual truth is absolute and is final; it is our perception of it that is clouded.

St. Paul has a brilliant word for this when he speaks of "seeing through a glass darkly." All of the means through which the light of the truth comes to us are like windows—and however clean and translucent they may be—it is not to be compared with seeing "face to face." This it is which hinders living.

In the aims of the topic, the word "propaganda" is used. Here is a perfect illustration of the point we've been talking about. There is not one of us today who does not accept that word with its political and sinister connotation. And yet it is a perfectly good word. Jesus propagated truth; and the whole story of Christianity is one of propaganda. The Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowl-

edge (SPCK) is not only the name of an English Missionary Society, but is a descriptive title of the Church. Today, however, anyone who propagates anything is suspect. Thus it is that a word, in itself clean and unobnoxious, has been discredited by the means through which it has been expressed.

How many of you remember those penny arcades at amusement parks? It was silly, of course, but you had a lot of fun picturing yourself in front of a concave or a convex mirror. You knew full well that you didn't present such a squatty and bulging appearance or that you weren't as thin as a bean pole—but the mirrors distorted your vision of yourself as you actually were. This is precisely what happens in the presentation of truth—and it is almost inevitable. Is it any wonder that we are confused about things?

LIFE magazine some years ago, took three terms from the world of optical science and made the following comment in explanation of its policy. "Three basic defects of editorial vision can easily afflict organs of public information . . . MYOPIA—the shortsightedness that comprehends little beyond the domestic scene, naively envisioning our land as a self-sufficient, tight little isle. HYPEROPIA — the farsightedness that is so preoccupied with what's happening over the horizen that it is scarcely aware of tremendous things astir at home. ASTIGMATISM—the distorted perception that results from eyeing all subjects from too partisan, too sectional, too romantic a viewpoint." To these faults of focus, if you care to continue to point, can be added PRESBYOPIA—a defect of vision due to advancing age; NYCTALOPIA—night blindness; MONOCULARITY — one eyedness; OPTHALMIA—inflammation of the eye; and that prize of them all CHROMATO — PSEUDOBLEPSIS — color blindness. That such diseases afflict us in all of our attempts to learn and use the truth is just cause for alarm. But when such afflictions are used purposely to advance personal interests, to sell particular products, and to succeed at the expense of others, then we have reached a low point in human relations. Let me illustrate this further.

First, in the realm of science and advertising. We all know that vitamins are important to health. That is true—but it is not the whole truth. Certain vitamins are good for certain things. Vitamin B1 is the "sunshine vitamin" and we are all convinced that all of us need it. Suddenly, an enterprising company, capitalizing on the assumption that we need all the vitamins or that we know not what we need, puts them all together and tells us that we ought to play safe and take them all at once. Certain vitamins stimulate glandular activity; certain people need to have that activity lessened—but that makes no difference to a company which wants nothing more than to sell its product.

Or apply this matter **in the moral world.** We have been taught that there are certain virtues in life. In fact a famous list of seven has become a part of our cultural heritage. No one will deny that patience is a virtue, but when patience develops into a tolerance of things which should stir our indignation, it becomes a vice. As Dr. Luccock puts it, "patience on a monument smiling at grief" is a heroic figure, but patience in an armchair smiling at wrong is cowardice. Loyalty is a virtue until it becomes blind stubbornness. Patriotism is a virtue until in its soul it is seen to be militarism under false colors. Thrift—a virtue **par excellence** according to some banks, can easily be viewed as niggardliness and miserly. By distortions, the use of half-truths and juggling of facts—even virtues can become deadly.

Here is an instance **in international relations.** For the past year we have been bombarded with atricity stories —first from Germany, now from Japan. An expert in weighing the evidence in atrocity stories stoutly maintains that you cannot rely on the testimony of reporters, official commissions or even eye witnesses unchecked by cross examination. It is not well known, but none the less true, that in fighting typhus epidemics, fumigation chambers are used to delouse the prisoners as a preventive measure. The question is, and the difficulty of obtaining the facts is obvious—how many of these chambers represented genuine efforts to kill **lice,** and how many of them were flimsy excuses or even undisguised efforts to kill **people?** This illustrates, not only the difficulties in obtaining the truth, but also the possibilities of distorting the truth.

From these illustrations it can be seen clearly that truth in its factual form is ultimate and invariable. Yet the very moment that humanity begins to deal with it, interpret and apply it, distortion in its infinite variety occurs. Some distortion is inevitable and all we can do is to clean the windows through which the light comes to us by inquiry, listening and thinking. Other distortion occurs through our purposeful misuse of the truth for what we call our own advantage. This is where morality enters the picture. I will not be blamed morally for my seeing through a glass "darkly"—but moral judgment is in order if I darken the glass for my own purposes. And this latter condition is where Christianity comes in.

"Seek ye first the truth, and all these things shall be added unto you" is a text which ought to be applied by every Christian in his daily living. You and I have no idea how tremendously potent the truth can be. Most of the great deeds done by men have not been done by men who deliberately set out to do great deeds. They were done by men who were simply looking for truth. Pasteur was not laboring with a view to benefit the race; he was hunting for a truth about germs; and in doing so he uncovered a truth that has saved millions of lives. Metchnikoff was not inspired by altruism to relieve suffering humanity when he uncovered the secret of a long life; he was watching through a microscope "the blood corpuscles chase each other through the veins of an infant starfish." He was looking for truth and when he found it, blessing and honor came as by-products.

Physicians no longer seek to "do good" to their patients; they try to find out the truth about their patients, for they know that only the truth can do them good. The human race is waking up to realize that what it needs is not philanthropy, not sacrifice, not rebellion, not heroes and leaders and reformers; all it needs is to quit lying and let in the clear healthful light of truth. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Jesus said, "I am the truth." He claims to be the truth about life's values. He holds the truth regarding the value of wealth. He holds the truth about the pursuit of happiness. He holds the truth about the realization of one's personality. Jesus holds the truth about friendship—between man and man, and between God and man. Through Him the ultimate truth is so clearly revealed that He dares to say "I am the truth." And all who know Him—know the truth.

Questions for Discussion

1. A Christian doctor knows a sick man will not recover and is asked by the patient about his chances. Where does truth enter the picture? How much should be said. Can silence be an untruth?
2. What is the difference between FACTUAL TRUTH and VALUE TRUTH?
3. It is impossible for us to know the whole truth?
5. What is required to discern the truth?
6. In what way does Christianity focus the truth?

Assignment of Topic for the September Meeting

Parish Education Month in the ULCA brings to our attention the topic "Reaching All for Christian Education." In preparing for the presentation of the topic it will be to the advantage of your Brotherhood if you are fully acquainted with the facts of parish education in your own church and community. Make a graph in co-operation with the church school officers to discover the recent trends. List causes for decreases and increases in enrollment and attendance. Consider the proportion of teachers to students. Think of the physical properties by which you are conditioned. Review the literary materials used. Discuss means whereby a more effective job can be done in the realm of parish education—for children, young people and adults.

Closing Worship

Hymn: "Now the Day Is Over"—PSH. No. 340
Lord's Prayer and Benediction

Squaring Our Business With Our Ideals

By Dr. Erland Nelson

Dr. Nelson came quite recently to Carthage, after distinguished service on the faculty of Newberry College. He has caught the imagination of the Carthage constituency and secured the support required for a program of expansion. He is also popular with his students. The Carthage future news looked brighter.

Ideals influence thought. Thoughts lead to action. Actions inevitably portray what we are.

Ideals may be low or high. G. Meyers wrote of Russel Sage: "Be it said to his credit that he was unshakenly faithful to his sordid ideals." For Lutheran men, ideals can mean nothing less than the life and teaching of the Master.

How can we square our business with such high ideals? Life itself gives the answer.

Tom was looking out his barndoor when he saw his hard-boiled neighbor pulling up through the snow on the driveway. What could he want this cold morning? Tom recalled how a year ago he had been caught short of hay for his cattle—and those impassable roads! He had gone over to old hard-boiled Jones. Jones had sworn and fumed in his characteristic way and finally offered to sell hay at $7 per ton above market—take it or leave it. Of course, he had to take it. Strange how their fortunes had been reversed this year. Tom's barns were full and there were still stacks in the field. Jones would certainly be short—and how he then would curse! Today, Jones seemed milder—in fact, rather pleasant. His language had less of the smell of sulphur about it. Yes, he wanted to buy hay. Roads were bad and he realized he would have to pay any price that might be asked. Tom thought of last Sunday. Then to the amazement of his non-church neighbor, Tom sold his hay at slightly less than market. Jones just couldn't understand. Months passed and a deeper friendship seemed to be developing between these neighbors. One Sunday nearly a year later, Tom saw old Jones in church for the first time. As he looked at Jones across the several pews, he could hear the clear voice of the minister—"Make to yourselves friends of the mamon of unrighteousness."

Tired men were hurrying toward the cage to check in their tools that night. As usual, Smith was taking extra time to go over his lathe with waste cotton to give it that neater look. He well knew that a hot shower, clean clothes and a dinner at home would wait for him. Over in the corner he could see Wilbur again "getting the works" from the foreman. Something queer about Wilbur. No one could deny that Wilbur was as skillful as any man in the shop. Yet, lately he had become so irritable and he certainly was making mistakes. Again today, his shaft had become too small for specifications. Poor Wilbur. Now he was fired.

Smith forgot his own dinner and walked out of the plant with a defeated man. They talked as they walked. At Wilbur's home, he saw the invalid on whom Wilbur had been waiting every night for nearly a month. Later Smith called the personnel office and plead for Wilbur's re-instatement.

It was three hours later when Smith took his shower and ate his cold dinner. For family devotion that night, he happened to read—"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these—."

Federal Foundries would show good profit this year. Hansen, president of the company, thought of the increased dividends which could be declared even after the heavy taxes and substantial reserves had been set aside. All five plants in the scattered cities had been operating near capacity—until last Monday. A strike had been called in Plant IV. Federal had been fair to employees. Hours and pay had always been well ahead of government regulations. Yet here was a strike with its hearings, attacks, and counter-attacks.

As Hansen sat in his carpeted office, the picture seemed clear to him. Agitators had moved into the city in which Plant IV was located. Most of the complaints could be dismissed as so much "window dressing." In fact, the men now regretted the incident but could not well return and maintain self-respect. Should Federal now grant "face-saving" concessions to allow the men to return? But why? The backlog of orders was small. The other four plants could take care of current demands—especially with a little overtime. Why not let Plant IV remain closed indefinitely? Surely it would be fair and just.

True, people would suffer. There would be months of pay lost before workers could get settled in new communities. Families would have to break up their residence to move. Children would be ruthlessly torn from their usual place in school and church. The Board of Directors would doubtless follow his recommendation.

Two months later Hansen was at Brotherhood meeting and heard the leader speak on Christ's method of "squaring one's business." Said he, "do ye unto others—." In the discussion following, Hansen said: "Yes, men, it really can be done."

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